

Wildlife Rehabilitators

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Wildlife Rehabilitators are Authorized to Handle

sick, injured or orphaned mammals, birds, reptiles, or amphibians with the goal of releasing them back into the wild.

Dealing with Distressed Bears, Coyotes or Bobcats:

Since it is difficult to successfully rehabilitate and return bears, coyotes or bobcats to the wild, Connecticut law prohibits the possession of these animals. Report the sighting of a distressed bear, coyote, or bobcat to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection-Wildlife Division.

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Wildlife Division

DEEP's Wildlife Unit will refer callers who have encountered orphaned, injured, or sick wildlife to local wildlife rehabilitators. Wildlife rehabilitators rescue wildlife and care for them until they can be returned to their natural habitats. The Wildlife Division also provides a 24-hour Emergency Dispatch for emergencies including exposures to people and/or domestic animals, bats in living spaces where contact cannot be completely ruled out, and wildlife behaving abnormally.

How to Become a Wildlife Rehabilitator

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection provides information to individuals interested in becoming a Wildlife Rehabilitator in Connecticut on their website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Wildlife/Rehabilitator/How-to-Become-a-Wildlife-Rehabilitator>

Connecticut Wildlife Rehabilitators Association

<https://www.cwrawildlife.org>

Statewide association of wildlife rehabilitators works to improve the care of distressed wildlife in Connecticut. Members help the public obtain assistance for distressed wildlife through a network of trained wildlife rehabilitators and veterinarians, teach rehabilitation skills to members and prospective licensees through regular seminars and workshops, and educate the public, through the association's hotline and the news media, about coexisting with wildlife and resolving distressed and nuisance wildlife problems. CWRA works closely with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in developing rehabilitator certification exams.

hotlineforwildlife.org/

Go to website for information on what to do if you find an orphaned animal, injured animal, or are experiencing a problem with a wild animal at home or on your property.

How to Find Providers in Connecticut's Community Resources Database: Search by service name: [Animal Rescue](#)

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